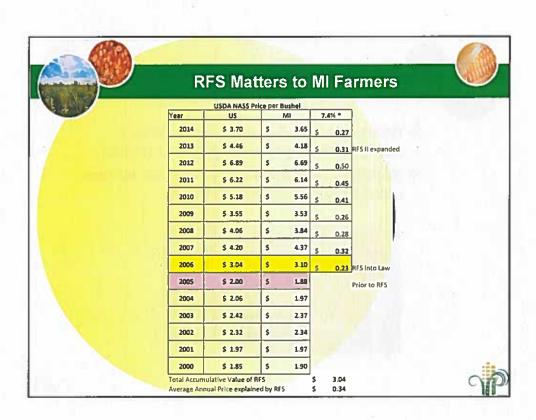






- 2006-2015 has been the greatest wealth build in the history of U.S. agriculture
 - Value of U.S. crops hit \$194 billion in 2014, down slightly from the past three years, but still the fourth-highest ever
 - Value of livestock hit a record \$209 billion in 2014
 - Farm equity and the value of farm assets both hit new records in 2014
- Ethanol has helped transform the once-stagnating grain sector into an economically vibrant and demand-driven marketplace
- From 1997 to 2006, corn prices were below the cost of production and farmers were reliant on government payments to offset losses
- Corn prices in many areas fell close to—or below—cost of production in 2014, as EPA's proposal to slash the RFS constrained demand for the 2014 record crop





BIP Grant



- USDA Awarded \$100 million split over 21 states
- Grants matched by \$110 million in commitments from states and private partners
- ❖ Michigan to receive \$3 million
- Private Match, Including the Corn Marketing Program, of \$3.5 Million



BIP Impact



- Nationwide: Will double the number of pumps offering blends of E15 or higher
- Michigan: Will install 89 additional pumps offering blends from E15 to E85





